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1;2 BELGRADE CORE GROUP MET DZLY 30 TOSVEAR FROM JAPANESE DCM
REPORT OF CALL MADE BY HIS AMXSSADOR ON DEPUTY FONMIN MOJSOV
WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE CORE GROUP AS THE
APPROACH TO TAKE WITH THE GOY.

2. JAPANESE DCM DISTRIBUTED TO CORE GROUP COPY OF JAPANESE
NOTE LEFT WITH MOJSOV (BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL)
AND WENT OVER HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING.

3. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TOLD MOJSOV THAT JAPAN, AS A
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CLOSE NEIGHBOR OF BOTH KOREAS, WAS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED

ABOUT PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DANGER OF WAR EXISTED IN ASIA THROUGH ANY SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE STRUCTURE OF PEACE OR THE BALANCE OF POWER. THE JAPANESE PEOPLE AS WELL AS TPA NGOJ HOPED THAT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM WOULD BE REALIZED AT THE EARLIEST DATE, AND UNTIL THAT TIME BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA HAD NO OTHER CHOICE EXCEPT TO CO-EXIST PEACEFULLY. THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS MAKING HIS CALL TO EXPLAIN A POSITION SHARED BY HIS COLLEAGUES (HE SPECIFIED US, FRG, UK, NETHERLANDS, CANADA, BELGIUM) AND THAT HE HOPED THE GOY WOULD TAKE THIS SHARED POSITION INTO CONSIDERATION AT COLOMBO.

4. MOJSOV REPLIED THAT THE GOY WOULD STUDY THE NOTE JUST HANDED TO HIM, BUT SAID AT THE OUTSET THAT KOREA WOULD NOT BE THE MAIN QUESTION TO BE TAKEN UP AT THE COLOMBO SUMMIT. MOJSOV SAID KOREA IS LISTED IN THE ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR COLOMBO ONLY AS A SUB-ITEM, UNDER THE HEADING "REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION". KOREA WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED AT COLOMBO IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN THE UNGA. THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IS A FORUM TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND NOT REPEAT NOT AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WHERE DECISIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE ON SUCH ISSUES. THE SOLUTION OF SUCH A PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOUGHT IN THE UN OR IN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO HIS ISSUE MIGHT BRING ABOUT A COUNTER-RESULT. MOJSOV SAID "IF SEVEN COUNTRIES DRAMATIZE THIS ISSUE, IT MIGHT MAKE THE CONFERENCE OF 77-PLUS COUNTRIES COUNTER-REACT." HE CONCLUDED THAT THE GOY WAS NOT AS CLOSE TO THE SITUATION, WHICH WAS A COMPLEX PROBLEM, AS THE JAPANESE; BUT THE GOY'S APPROACH INVOLVED THREE PRINCIPLES: (1) REUNIFICATION, (2) PEACEFUL APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM, AND (3) NEGOTIATIONS.

5. MOJSOV THEN SAID THAT IT WAS QUITE NATURAL FOR AN AMBASSADOR REPRESENTING JAPAN TO BRING UP THE KOREAN ISSUE AND HE WELCOMED SUCH A PRESENTATION. HOWEVER TO REPRESENT OTHER COUNTRIES IS A "STRANGE AND UNUSUAL WAY OF DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE." MOJSOV SAID THAT

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IF OTHER COUNTRIES WISHED TO MAKE DEMARCHES ON KOREA HE WOULD BE WILLING TO HEAR THEM. HE MENTIONED THAT GOVERNOR SCRANTON HAD BEEN IN A FEW DAYS PREVIOUSLY DURING HIS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AND HAD RAISED THE ISSUE THEN. MOJSOV ASKED TO WHOM THE "WE" IN THE NOTE HANDED HIM REFERRED.

6. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT A

"COLLECTIVE NOTE" AND COULD BE TAKEN AS THE VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN; BUT ITS SUBSTANCE REPRESENTED THE POSITION OF THE COUNTRIES HE HAD PREVIOUSLY ENUMERATED. HE HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO ACT AS SPOKESMAN SINCE JAPAN WAS MOST SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH THE KOREAN PROBLEM BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO THE PENINSULA. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD MAJSOV THAT IN TOKYO HE HAD OFTEN RECEIVED COLLECTIVE PRESENTATIONS AND THAT HE DID NOT FEEL THAT THIS MODE OF PRESENTATION WAS UNUSUAL. HE REITERATED THAT THE "WE" IN THE NOTE COULD BE TAKEN TO MEAN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OR THE JAPANESE PEOPLE, AS THE GOY WISHED; BUT THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE NOTE REPRESENTED THE VIEW OF THE COUNTRIES HE HAD SPECIFIED.

7. BEFORE CORE GROUP MEETING ADJOURNED EMBASSY COUNSELOR ORALLY BRIEFED MEMBERS ON CONTENTS US AIDE-MEMOIRE THAT GOVERNOR SCRANTON HAD PASSED TO MAJSOV ON JULY 23RD.
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